

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Synthes (U.S.A.)

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Entitled: **ANCHORING MEANS FOR INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANTS**

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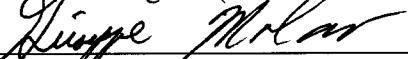
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